

Amendments to the Claims:

1. – 22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a metaplan data store that electronically stores sets of planning criteria;

a first logic configured to access the metaplan data store to select one or more sets of planning criteria to produce a Web services project metaplan, the Web services project metaplan comprising the selected one or more sets of planning criteria ; and

a second logic operably connected to the first logic, the second logic configured to produce a Web services project plan from the Web services project metaplan by providing values for the criteria in the selected one or more sets of planning criteria; the Web services project plan including a set of increments corresponding to portions of an overall Web services project plan, where the Web services project plan includes a project evaluation and plan refinement after each increment; and

a project plan data store that electronically stores the Web services project plan.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23, where the first logic is configured to produce the Web services project metaplan by establishing selecting the one or more sets of planning criteria that are relevant to facilitate planning a particular Web services project.

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 24, where the second logic is configured to produce the Web services project plan by providing interacting with a user to obtain one or more values for one or more members of the one or more sets of criteria.

26. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a metaplan data store that stores sets of planning criteria in electronic form;

means for producing a Web services project metaplan by accessing the metaplan data store to select one or more sets of planning criteria to produce a Web services project metaplan, the Web services project metaplan comprising the selected one or more sets of planning criteria;

means for producing a Web services project plan from the Web services project metaplan by providing values for the criteria in the selected one or more sets of planning criteria; the Web services project plan including a set of increments corresponding to portions of an overall Web services project plan, where the Web services project plan includes a project evaluation and plan refinement after each increment; and; and

means for refining the Web services project plan based on feedback data acquired from testing one or more portions of a Web services project built according to an increment of the Web services project plan.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon for performing a method, the method comprising:

accessing sets of planning criteria from a first memory of an electronic device;

establishing selecting one or more sets of planning criteria for characterizing a Web services project; and

producing a Web services project metaplan in electronic form from one or more elements of the one or more sets of criteria; and

providing values for the criteria in the selected one or more sets of planning criteria to produce a Web services project plan; the Web services project plan including a set of increments corresponding to portions of an overall Web services project plan, where the Web services project plan includes a project evaluation and plan refinement after each increment; and

storing the Web services project plan in a second memory of the electronic device.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)

31. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium method of claim 28, where the selecting ~~establishing~~ one or more sets of criteria comprises:

selecting ~~establishing~~ a first set of criteria for calculating a Web services project return on investment;

selecting ~~establishing~~ a second set of criteria for identifying an existing reusable software component;

selecting ~~establishing~~ a third set of criteria for identifying how to expose an existing software asset via a Web service;

selecting ~~establishing~~ a fourth set of criteria for determining whether to include a Web service in a Web services project;

selecting ~~establishing~~ a fifth set of criteria for determining whether to employ a Web services supporting technology;

selecting ~~establishing~~ a sixth set of criteria for identifying a Web services development team;

selecting ~~establishing~~ a seventh set of criteria for identifying one or more of, a project collaboration partner, and how to collaborate with a project collaboration partner; ~~and or~~

selecting ~~establishing~~ organizing one or more members of the first through seventh sets of criteria to produce the Web services project metaplan.

32. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium method of claim 28, further comprising:

implementing an increment of the Web service project plan ~~developing a strategy for developing the Web services project~~ including ~~that includes~~ one or more Web service components;

programming a Web service component of the Web services project based on the strategy;

testing the Web service component;
calculating the effect of the Web service component on a return on investment for
the Web services project; and
selectively updating the ~~strategy~~ Web services project plan based on the effect of
the Web service component on the return on investment.